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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: FCC Docket ~~92-325~~

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Jackson County Public Works & Parks Department is 1 of 26 public safety agencies served by Southern Oregon Regional Communications (SORC), the local area 911 emergency dispatch center. Jackson County is a rural, mountainous county in southwestern Oregon consisting of 2,081 sq. miles, with elevations ranging from 977 feet to 9,495 feet above sea level. Due to the geographical extremes of our service area it would be economically impossible to meet the proposed FCC Docket 92-325 changes.

Current radio communications are accomplished by two mountain top repeaters and a single base station located in White City, Oregon. A base station unit is also located in the SORC radio room for after hours emergency communications with our field crews.

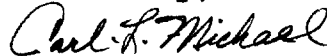
It is currently estimated that under the FCC proposal in Docket 92-325 this department would require 7 to 10 more repeater sites to equal existing coverage. We would also be required to replace equipment at both stations along with the current mobile radio fleet that numbers approximately 110 units. The estimated cost of development and equipment replacement is between \$725,000 and \$900,000 for this department to meet the proposal of FCC Docket 92-325. Needless to say, in these times of critical revenue shortfalls, this sum is not attainable. The resulting loss of communications under this proposal will produce severe safety and maintenance impacts for the transportation network within Jackson County and the citizens who rely on this network on a daily basis.

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If refarming of the bands between 72 and 512 mhz is necessary, we urge you to either consider a public safety exemption for southern Oregon, or develop a method of funding to eliminate the impending financial disaster and potential safety impacts that are certain to fall on local government agencies such as Jackson County.

Sincerely,



Carl L. Michael
General Maintenance Superintendent

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cc: Pat Ehrlich, AOC
Senator Mark Hatfield
Senator Bob Packwood
Representative Bob Smith